The State Government have also been asked to strengthen Special Branches to enable collection of actionable intelligence to preempt terrorist activities.

Revival of POTA

934. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received suggestions to bring back the Prevention of Terrorism Act. (POTA);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government are considering to revive POTA in view of the increasing terrorist activities in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) There have been demands to bring back POTA. The Government is of the view that the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967, as amended in September, 2004 alongside the repeal of POTA, does have such provisions as are considered necessary to deal with various facets of terrorism.

Assistance to Orissa for combating Maoist menace

935. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Orissa has requested the Centre to provide more help to combat the Maoist meance in that State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Orissa Government has asked the Centre to include three more districts of the State in the list of Maoists affected districts and asked for providing four additional companies to control this menace in the State; and

(d) if so, what is the action plan of the Centre to help the State in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) The Government of Orissa